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Invention: WATER SOFTENING DEVICE (JPA 2000-220874, FILED 7/21/00)

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## INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated May 20, 2004, Applicant herewith resubmits the response to the Office Action dated October 3, 2003 (Paper No. 17), with the appropriate status identifier, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.